

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, 14-17, 19-20, 22, 24-27, 29-30, 32-35, 37-38, 40-43, 45-46, and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Srinivasan (US Patent Number 6,357,042) in view of Elderling (US Patent Number 6,684,194). Claims 8, 13, 21, 31, 39, and 47 were indicated to include allowable subject matter. Applicants have incorporated these allowable claims into the independent claims from which each depends.

Claim 23 was also indicated to include allowable subject matter. Applicant has cancelled claim 23 and incorporated it into claim 22 from which it depended.

Applicant has amended claim 48 to be similar to other claims that were indicated to include allowable subject matter.


Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, 14-17, 19-20, 22, 24-27, 29-30, 32-35, 37-38, 40-43, 45-46, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and allow claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-11, 14-17, 19-20, 22, 24-27, 29-30, 32-35, 37-38, 40-43, 45-46, and 48. Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the above is respectfully requested. If a telephone interview with Applicant's Attorney would further the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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